

"STIR 'EM UP" SALE

THE CASH MERCANTILE CO.

NORTH TOPEKA

And we are going to stir things—too much warm and spring like weather has caused us to be overloaded with winter goods, and we must unload right now in the beginning of the winter.

And we realize that this cannot be done simply by talk—but by prices, low prices, the very lowest prices. You know the quality of our goods. You know we live up to every word of our advertising. We will stop talk right here and get down to prices.

FRIDAY SPECIAL Hope Muslin 8c	Embroidered Waist Fronts, 69c The newest thing out. Enough for the entire front.
Children's Underwear 11c Garments Odd sizes—worth up to 30c	SATURDAY SPECIAL 10 yds. Side Band or Border Calico, 55c

84c Heavy 10-4 Cotton Blankets, 59c Pair	TABLE LINEN 75c Table Linen.....63c 89c Table Linen.....63c 69c Table Linen.....55c 59c Table Linen.....45c
12½c Hose 9c Ladies' Fast Black 12½c Hose Special 9c Pair	15c Pillow Slips 42x36 10c

Ladies' Coats and Suits

We are selling Ladies' Coats and Suits at prices—low prices—lowest prices—

\$15.00 Striped Cheviot Suit.....	\$7.00
\$15.00 Striped Broadcloth Suit.....	\$9.50
\$15.00 Grey Broadcloth Suit.....	\$11.75
\$17.00 Striped Broadcloth Suit.....	\$11.00
\$12.00 Dark Stripe Suit.....	\$5.00

At above prices any alterations will be charged for.

\$12.50 Ladies' Black Cheviot Coat, braid trimmel, directoire lapels	\$7.75
\$12.50 Light Castor Broadcloth Coat, for	\$7.75
\$12.50 Black Broadcloth Coat full white satin lined, 2 only, size 40	\$6.75

And a \$12.50 Coat at our store means a value that is usually shown at \$15 and \$18.

Children's Coats

Infant's Bear Skin Coats.....	\$1.29
\$5.00 Children's Beaver Coats—blue and brown, sizes 8, 10 and 12 years, now	\$3.75
\$8.00 Misses Coats in tan or green, novelty suiting. Ages 16, 18 and 20	\$3.75
\$7.00 Child's Bear Skin Coats, blue and brown, 8 and 10 years.	\$3.75
\$3.00 Child's Fancy Cloth Coats, 6, 8 and 10 years	\$2.20
\$2.25 Black Fur Muffs	75c
\$7.50 White Muff and Fur, the set	\$2.00

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"Stir 'Em Up" Prices on Dress Goods

34-in. Arnold Cotton Beiges, Plaids, 19c yd.,	10c
34-in. Black Brocaded Dress Goods, 30c yd.,	9c
25c Blue, Red, Brown, Tan and Grey Plaids,	19c
50c Shepherd Check Suiting, yd.	19c
36-in. Voile, Blue and Red, 40c grade.....	20c
36-in. Silk Stripe Plaids, regular 50c goods.	25c
36-in. Red Mixed Novelty Suiting, 50c grade.	25c
36-in. Shepherd Check Mohair, 50c grade....	25c
36-in. Plain Red, Blue and Pink Cashmere..	25c
42-in. Dark Blue and Black Mix Suiting, 50c grade	29c
36-in. Striped 50c Suiting	29c
42-in. Black Malabar, a big 50c seller.....	35c
36-in. Black Granite Cloth, standard at 50c,	35c
36-in. Oxford Grey Flannel	35c
42-in. Blue Prunella, regular \$1 goods.....	35c
46-in. Grey Suiting, a never-wear-out, 75c goods	35c
44-in. medium weight Plaid and Check goods, in grey, red, blue, brown and green, fine for school dresses and a 75c value, for	39c

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36-in. Fancy Stripe Mohair, 3 shades, worth 75c	39c
52-in. Grey Mix Suiting, standard 50c goods,	25c
36-in. Dark Grey Dress Flannel, worth 75c yd.	39c
38-in. Grey Wool Crash, worth 75c yd.	39c
42-in. Grey Plaid 65c Suiting	45c
38-in. Fine Black Henrietta, 69c grade.....	45c
42-in. Silk and Wool Crepe, in white, pink and light blue, a regular 98c goods.....	45c
44-in. Mohair, Stripe, brown and bottle green. The heaviest mohair on the market, and cheap at 75c. Sale price	50c
42-in. All-Wool, Red, Blue and Black Shadow Check. The great bargain of the sale...	65c
42-in. All-Wool Fancy Suiting, blue, brown and grey check.....	50c
42-in. 75c Brown Wool Serge	39c
42-in. 98c Shepherd Check Wool Voile.....	50c
36-in. 85c Black Henrietta	55c
44-in. 85c Black Brilliantine	55c
44-in. 75c Black Mohair	55c
40-in. 98c Black Wool Voile	48c

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SALE OF CHRISTMAS CHINA THIS WEEK

Blankets

\$5.00 Wool Blankets.....	\$4.10
\$3.00 12-4 White Cotton Blankets	\$2.15
\$1.98 12-4 White Cotton Blankets	\$1.69
\$1.25 11-4 Heavy Cotton Blankets	.98c
84c 10-4 Heavy Cot. Blankets	59c
7½ ft. home made Comforts	\$2.75
\$2.95 Comforts.....	\$2.00
\$2.00 Comforts.....	\$1.75
\$1.50 Comforts.....	\$1.25

Money Savers

15c Stevens' Crash, yd.....	12½c
12½c Stevens' Crash, yd.....	11c
5c Outing Flannel, yd.....	3c
8c Outing Flannel, yd.....	7c
10c Outing Flannel, yd.....	8½c
10c Fleece Backs, yd.....	7c
19c Arnold Flannelette, the thing for sacques, yd.....	9c
60-inch Cotton Blanketing, yd.....	25c
18c heaving twill Shirting, 34 inches wide, yd.....	5c

STUDY CRIMINALS

Proposed to Have City Laboratory for This Purpose.

Present Police System Fails to Hit the Mark.

DOES NOT REFORM.

Many Are Imprisoned Repeatedly on Similar Charges.

New System Proposed Is of Educational Character.

Will Topeka have a city laboratory for the study of the criminal and weakling classes?

This is a question that is confronting the city officials. The plan has been considered at the request of Arthur MacDonald, the honorary president of the third International Congress of Criminal Anthropology of Europe, at the present time making his headquarters in Washington, D. C. He has written a letter to the city officials on the matter and it is being looked upon with favor.

There is a wave of reform sweeping over the country to the effect that the cities should look after the moral health of the people with as much scientific foresight as they do the physical health of the people. The official statistics of the leading countries of the world show that within the last 30 or more years crime, suicide, insanity, and other forms of abnormality have been increasing relatively faster than the population.

The remedy for this is a laboratory for the study and reformation of criminals. It has been proven by the cases in the local police station that the determinate sentence permits many prisoners to be released who are morally certain to return to crime. For instance there are "trusties" at the local police station who have been in the jail for the last few years. Every time they serve their sentence and are released they are arrested again within 24 hours for the very same crime. There are prisoners who have been making regular calls at the station who have any variety of crimes against them—regardless of the threats, sentences, and fines. The indeterminate sentence is the best method of affording a prisoner an opportunity to reform without any danger to society at large. By the new system suggested to the city officials the prison would be made a reformatory and the reformatory a school. The principal object of both would be to teach good, mental, moral and states throughout the United States have adopted these ideas. The indorsements of the system are flattering to say the least. Twenty-

five state medical associations over the country have heartily indorsed the proposition. This includes the Kansas Medical society. Ten international medical societies have approved of the plan. The American Bar association and four state bar associations have put their signatures to the indorsements—in which case Kansas is again included. Almost 50 religious associations indorsed the work and 55 American and 20 European specialists have written personal letters in favor of the new work.

The summary of a more extensive and elaborate laboratory is as follows: Be it enacted by the — That there shall be established in the — a laboratory for the study of the abnormal classes, and the work shall include not only laboratory investigations, but also the collection of sociological and pathological data, especially such as may be found in institutions for the criminal, pauper, and defective classes, and generally in hospitals and other institutions. Said laboratory and work shall be in charge of a director, who shall be appointed by the —, and shall receive a salary of three thousand dollars per annum. He shall make a report once a year, directed to the —, with the approval of that officer, shall be published. For the aid of the director there shall be one psychologist, at two thousand dollars; one translator, at one thousand two hundred dollars; one stenographer and typewriter, at one thousand dollars, and one mechanic, at nine hundred dollars. For the proper equipment of and carrying on the work of said laboratory and the rental, if necessary, of suitable rooms therefor, there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be required.

Plan a Good One.

On being interviewed concerning the new proposition Mayor Green did not make a very encouraging statement, although he admitted that the idea would be a good one for the city to take in hand. He said that at the present time Topeka could hardly afford the laboratory but in a few years he had no doubt but the system could be brought to a realization point. Several of the members of the city council were in favor of the idea but like Mayor Green thought it a big proposition for a city the size of Topeka to undertake. Chief of Police Eaton was greatly in favor of the idea and has been advocating such a thing ever since his term in office. He gave several instances in which prisoners at the city prison were absolutely unable to refrain from crime. It was a habit they could not break.

At the present time the Topeka police department is turning about \$500 a month into the city treasury. At this rate it means almost \$11,000 a year for the city. Taken as a cold blooded proposition—can the city afford to dam this prosperous inflow and allow other sources to drain the city funds? This idea of making a jail into a school costing many thousands of dollars a year does not appeal to the average city official.

Died of Acute Indigestion.

Alliance, O., Dec. 2.—J. H. Sharor, commander of the Ohio department of the Grand Army of the Republic, died today of acute indigestion.

Alexander was before Tyre. "To succeed," counseled his generals, "we must invest the city." Aleck frowned. "To invest the city," he said, "is to compel the citizens to do the investing and let us be the promoters." He answered: "Whereupon the court lester withdrew to draw up the prospectus."—Puck.



EDWARD J. STELLWAGEN, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE PLANS FOR THE INAUGURAL CEREMONIES TO BE HELD NEXT MARCH.

Edward J. Stellwagen, who has been appointed chairman of the committee to arrange for the ceremonies to be held in connection with the inauguration of the new president next March, is a prominent business man in Washington. He already has opened headquarters and begun arranging for the imposing display to take place when Mr. Taft takes office. Mr. Stellwagen was appointed by Frank H. Hitchcock, chairman of the Republican national committee, because of his previous experience in such demonstrations. He was treasurer of the last inauguration committee and is a man of excellent executive ability. Mr. Taft, who is a personal admirer of Mr. Stellwagen, congratulated Mr. Hitchcock upon the selection he had made.

NORTH TOPEKA NEWS

(Items for the North Topeka column may be left at A. M. Petro's drug store, 339 North Kansas avenue, or call the North Side reporter at her home, 1nd. phone 2881 black.)

Mr. Charles Juneau has moved his two houses from 1530 North Van Buren street to lots on the North Central avenue road.

Miss Grace Powell is able to be out and around again after several weeks' illness. She has been suffering from an attack of bronchitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Goodrich of Kansas City came here Monday to spend two weeks visiting relatives and friends while on their way to Portland, Oregon, where they will spend the winter.

Miss Hazel Smith of Clay Center, Kansas, came here today to remain a few days with friends while on her way to Chicago, where she will spend the winter studying music.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hart returned to their home in Williamstown, Kansas, today after a few days' visit with friends here.

Miss Gladys Thompson is able to be out and around again after several weeks' illness with an attack of pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Frantz left this morning for a two weeks' visit with their parents in Osage county.

Mr. Walter Wilson returned to his home in Salina, Kansas, today after spending a week here on a short business trip. Mr. Wilson was looking after his property interests here.

Miss Mildred Campbell returned to school today after being out several days on account of illness.

There will be a meeting of the J. D. S. club held tomorrow evening at the home of Miss Alice Porter. All members are requested to be present as there is business of importance to transact.

Home made mince meat for sale by the Baptist ladies at C. Berry's Saturday.

Mr. D. C. James of Kansas City is here visiting relatives.

Mr. E. H. Fisher of 1400 Logan street, the North Topeka horse shoer, secured the piano given away Tuesday by Pratt Bros.

Mrs. Nellie C. Ashpole, aged 41 years, died this morning at 1 o'clock of dropsy. She was the wife of Mr. A. J. Ashpole, clerk in the postoffice. The funeral will be held Friday morning at 10 o'clock from the home one-half mile north on the Central avenue road. Burial in the Rochester cemetery.

Gideon Reedy, aged 54 years, died this morning at his home, 1428 North Jefferson street, of old age. The funeral will be tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at the house.

Mr. Homer Sanders returned to work today after being out two weeks on account of illness.

Mr. R. I. Wilkerson of Valencia spent the day in town today on a short business trip.

On Thursday evening of this week North Topeka camp of Modern Woodmen will hold its annual election of officers. Refreshments will be served.

There will be a special meeting of Amity lodge K. of P. No. 231 at their hall, 87 North Kansas avenue, to confer rank of esquire on a number of candidates.

Worms Infest City Water.

The city of McKeessport and neighboring small towns which draw water from the city's new waterworks, are suffering from a visit of small red worms which have filled the water

pumped through the great mains. The water is absolutely polluted with the worms, and owners of springs and saloons are the only ones smiling tonight.

Dr. Victor Sandblab, the city bacteriologist, after examining the worms this afternoon, stated that they were "harmless and could be taken into the stomach without fear of bad results."

The worms are about half an inch long and as thin as a hair. It is said that they came from niches and points in the mains, where they have been in much mud for ten years, being forced through now by the new and more heavy pipe from the new waterworks. Ten years ago worms similar to these were noticed at the bottom of an old reservoir.—McKeessport Dispatch to New York Times.

EAST TOPEKA NOTES

(Items for the East Topeka column may be telephoned to 1nd. phone 2881 black.)

W. S. Hunter, physician and surgeon, office and res., 1119 East 8th. Ind. 1668.

The Mystic Circle No. 1 will meet Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Mrs. Dora Williams, at her home, 428 Madison street.

A committee from the Third Christian church met last night at the home of Mrs. R. B. Catthers and planned to give a New Year's dinner and supper at the church.

Miss Minnie Miller has returned home from Kansas City where she visited friends for several days.

Misses Louise Powell, Anna Coulter, Josephine Jolley, Meriam Brentnall, Margaret Brentnall, Laura Hevlin, Katie Alsdorf and Mrs. Charles Saff, 222 Chandler street.

This is a Sunday school class of the Third Christian church. The girls organized and elected officers and planned the future work of the class.

George Moscow, returned to his home in Carbondale today after a few days' visit with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Collins of Mission township will move to Topeka in a few days and occupy the house at 223 Chandler street.

Frank Lord of 227 Chandler street who has been quite sick for several weeks is reported a little improved today.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ellis have returned to their home in Colorado after a week's visit with friends here, while on their way home from Kansas City, where they spent Thanksgiving with their parents.

Mrs. Marion Snyder of 621 Lime street, who was operated upon at Stormont hospital Friday for appendicitis is improving and will be able to be brought home Monday.

The East Side Embroidery club will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. A. E. Wilson, 438 Sumner avenue.

The Aid society of the Seward avenue M. E. church will hold an all day meeting at the home of Mrs. James Hutton, 1218 Seward avenue.

The Topeka Art Embroidery club will meet Thursday p. m. with Mrs. R. S. Vansant, East Belmont street, Oakland.

The Last Train

Leaving Topeka for Kansas City in the morning is the Union Pacific No. 106 at 8:15 a. m., arriving in Kansas City at 10:15 a. m. The afternoon train returning is the earliest train into Topeka at 6:15 p. m.